



THE HONORABLE JERRY D. JENNINGS

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D E P A R T M E N T O F D E F E N S E

Mr. Jerry D. Jennings was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs in August 2001. Mr. Jennings is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for policy, control and oversight of all matters pertaining to missing personnel, and for establishing uniform policies and procedures leading to the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing in action from all conflicts. This mission includes the rescue of individuals who fall in harm's way as a result of combat. Previously, he was Chairman and CEO of the Phoenix Communications and Research Company in Vienna, Virginia.

In 1990, he was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate to serve as Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While at FEMA, he served as its acting director and deputy director through 1992. He was responsible for the agency's three directorates, the Federal Insurance Administration and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Mr. Jennings was appointed by President Reagan in 1986 to serve as the Acting Director of the Selective Service system, and he also served as Deputy Director of that agency until 1990.

From 1982 until late 1986 he served in the Executive Office of the President as the Executive Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. During that same period he also served as the Executive Director of the White House Science Council.

He was advisor to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs under four presidents from 1973 to 1982. From the Nixon through the Reagan administrations, he was responsible for establishing and maintaining all programs and policies relating to security and domestic intelligence concerns of the National Security Council. He was the White House liaison with the FBI on criminal and intelligence matters requiring the attention of the President or his senior staff.

He performed his military duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, and served as an intelligence officer with the CIA in Southeast Asia from 1965 to 1968. He was assigned to key posts in the Department of Justice 1968-72, including service as a Special Agent with the FBI.

A native of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Mr. Jennings obtained his BS degree from Eastern Michigan University. He studied for a Master's degree in public administration at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. He also completed the Senior Managers Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He and his wife Misako and three daughters reside in Fairfax County, Virginia.